ASSOCHAM's strategic vision for technology industry

1169. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry has formulated a strategic vision for technology industry.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken/proposed to be taken thereon;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In this context, it is understood from the Associated Chambers of Commerce and industry of India that they are in the process of formulating ASSOCHAM's strategic vision document for technology industry based on the recommendations of the ASSOCHAM's National Seminar on "Riding High in the Next Global Wave of Knowledge Industry: A Strategic Vision of the Indian Technology (R&D) Industry" help on June 13, 2002 at Bangalore. Government is not involved in the formulation of said strategic vision document.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Import of plastic waste by Pepsi

1170. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pepsi Company is importing 45,000 tonnes of plastic wastes to India annually;

(b) if so, what are the details of steps taken by Government in this regard to meet with this problem: and

(c) the names of major foreign companies that cause waste disposal problem in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. As per the information made available by